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1. A new log road six meters wide is currently under construction at the Pirna-Sonnenstein compound. The road branches off of the road which runs parallel to the Pirna-Bad Schandau rail line, and it leads to the Pirna-Sonnenstein compound. The road is to be completed and ready for traffic about the middle of August 1955. When this road is finished, the Pirna-Sonnenstein compound will be accessible from the eastern side. It will then no longer be necessary to drive through the city of Pirna to reach the compound.
2. Citizens of Pirna have noted that blasting is going on at the construction project. Tunnels are reportedly being blasted through the mountain slope. It is not known for what purpose these tunnels are to be used.
3. In late June and early July 1955, a direct telephone line was laid from Pirna-Sonnenstein to the Dresden-Klotzsche airfield. Work was carried on day and night, and Soviet soldiers and Volkspolizei were used on the job. The line crosses the Elbe near the Pirna-Posta ferry, and then proceeds through the Mockethal lowland via Pirna-Copitz on toward Dresden-Klotzsche.
4. Three permanent barracks for workers employed by the Bau Union Halle and the other enterprises working on the project have been constructed on State Road 172. The barracks are named Berlin, Halle, and Magdeburg.
5. Farmers in the villages of Cunnersdorf and Oberebenheit have been told that they may only harvest crops now planted, since their fields are going to be requisitioned and they will have other fields assigned to them.
6. Sand and stones from the construction work are not being dumped exclusively in the old sandstone quarry at Jessen. They are also being dumped near the suburb of Mannewitz along State Road 172. The sand and stones come from

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the blasting and digging work at the Pirna-Sonnenstein compound and are allegedly to be used to construct a new road near Mannewitz, running between State Road 172 and Pirna. This new road will completely by-pass the Pirna-Sonnenstein Compound and will be used for civilian traffic, which now uses the winding road between State Road 172 and Pirna. The present road goes right by the Pirna-Sonnenstein Compound.

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